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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TRIPOLI 1135

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TAGS: ENRG LY

SUBJECT: LARG TAKE OF NATIONALIZED OIL

REF: TRIPOLI 1124 AND 1125

1. [REDACTED] INFORMS US THAT LARG CONTROLLER AT
RABAT, THE RABAT-OPERATED OIL PORT ON GULF OF
SIRTE, HAS BEGUN TO REQUIRE THAT ALL CRUDE SHIPMENTS
FROM THE PORT MUST SHOW 51 PERCENT AS COMING FROM
THE NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION (NOC), IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE NATIONALIZATION DECREE OF SEPTEMBER 1 (ARTICLE 12).
ONE TANKER ALREADY LOADED ON THIS BASIS.

2. THE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 12 ARE OF
PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE MAJORS' COMPANY MANAGERS
HERE. AS THEY UNDERSTAND IT, THE COMPANIES ARE NOW
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WALKING A TIGHTROPE BETWEEN A) GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF
ABANDONING THEIR ASSETS, AND B) IN ANY MANNER
INDICATING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NATIONALIZATION DECREE.
EVERY DAY THEY REMAIN IN OPERATION THEY LEND CREDIBILITY
TO A CONTENTION THAT THEY ACCEPT NATIONALIZATION, AT
LEAST TEMPORARILY, WHEREAS THEY CANNOT SHUT THEMSELVES
IN WITHOUT STRENGTHENING A CONTENTION THAT THEY ABANDONED
THEIR PROPERTIES. HOWEVER, AT LEAST TWO COMPANIES
HAVE SUSMITTED A LETTER OF PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR
ARBITRATION.
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